

**COMMON COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 3, 2012**

The Common Council, City of Madison, Indiana, met in regular session at 5:30 PM in the Council Chamber, City Hall. Mayor Welch opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Present, Hodges, Berry, Jones, Henderson, Backus, Lee, Kellems (7). Absent (0).

Motion made by Henderson, seconded by Hodges to approve March 20, 2012 minutes. Motion carried (7-0).

**Resolution or Bills**

Resolution 8-2012 is tabled.

**Reports From Standing Committees-**

Henderson reported that the Finance Committee will be scheduling a meeting to look over the guidelines of the Microloan Program.

Jones reported that the Traffic Committee will be meeting on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at City Hall.

**Communications-City Offices**

**Utilities Manager-Randy Eggenpiller**

In your packets you have a copy of the letter that was sent in with the Well Head Protection Plan. This was required to be submitted last fall. IDEM had questions and it was resubmitted. IDEM has 60-90 days to review and we will receive an official approval.

Several small projects are going on or will be going on in the near future. Harrison and First Streets water main replacement will start when the bridge closes. Sewer project that is going to happen in the Green Hills area on Cypress from Crozier to Clifty Drive. Broadway and Third Streets we are trying to find the water restriction in that area. Hopefully, this will be done by the end of the week.

Henderson asked when paving requests should be submitted. Eggenpiller explained that they usually do not start until after Regatta, but go ahead and turn

in the requests and they will be reviewed. There are already a number of streets on the list.

### **Police Chief-Dan Thurston**

Currently accepting applications for Patrolman, those are due in by Friday.

Met with Katie Mote who is the Chairperson for the Criminal Justice Program at Ivy Tech. You can now receive an Associate's Degree at Ivy Tech without leaving the Madison Campus. The program consists of an internship and she wanted to know if MPD was willing to participate with that. As long as the liability issues are covered, MPD will gladly assist with this.

Monthly statistics were distributed to council.

Kellems asked if Thurston could discuss any trends he is seeing in the statistics. Thurston reported after looking at last month and this time last year, things are basically the same. There have been some calls about vandals, but citizens are not calling in when they happen because they don't want to bother the MPD. That is why we are here. Please call, if we don't know where the problems are we don't know where we should be.

### **Parks Director-Dave Stucker**

Baseball and softball season is getting ready to start. Application deadline was last Friday, but we have extended it for one more week with no late fees. Once all applications are in, numbers can be reviewed between this year and last year.

Park employees worked with a preservation group on Pearl Park. A grant was received and with that and \$1200.00 from the Park budget, reroofing of one of the buildings was possible.

Reminder that the Community Grant received has been completed. Swings were replaced at area parks. The fountain should be up and running and the campground is open for business. We are mowing grass trying to keep up.

Mayor Welch reported that the sidewalk sweeper should be out in the next couple of days. It has been down for maintenance.

**Fire Department-Steve Horton**

A contract was approved at the BPW meeting between the MFD and MTVFD. This agreement says that MTVFD will house the quint 7 and develop a standard operating procedure. That gives us a ladder downtown, one on the hilltop and one close to the expansion happening on the hilltop.

**Community Development-Andrew Forrester**

Thanks to everyone involved in the Staycation, it was a big success. A thank you video has been posted to the City You Tube page. Alec has been busy shooting videos around town and those also have been posted.

Student Government Day is in the works. Open to suggestions to help make this day a better day for students as well as council members.

Municipal Government week is May 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Have started planning for this, but once again, ideas are welcome.

Documents are on the City website. In front of you are the guidelines for what documents and when they will be posted to the website. BPW and City Council agendas will be posted. Minutes will only be posted after they have been approved.

Kellems-Thanks for getting these on. Would like to see a searchable version. Would also like to make sure that documents are added on a timely basis.

Welch added that the Mayor's Eagle Program was a success this year. We also have had interns from SMHS and MCHS. We are always open to these sorts of things.

**Building Inspector-Mark Johnson**

Have been fielding mowing calls. Grass must reach 12 inches high before the city will send a letter. The homeowner then has 10 days to mow before the city steps in.

Had two complaints, one on Bear Street and one on Banta Avenue. The house on Bear Street has been sent a letter and we are waiting on the ten days to be up.

The house on Banta has a roof that is caving in, but the family still lives there. Groups have offered to help replace the roof, but the family refuses help. Will have to get with Mr. Jenner to see what can be done, because now it is a safety issue.

Lee-Thanks for following up.

### **Miscellaneous-**

Jim Olsen-610 E. Second Street-would like to change the intersection of St. Michaels and Second Street to a 4-way stop instead of a 2-way stop. It causes confusion because it is the only one that is a 2-way stop. People drive too fast. Recently had a car totaled because of someone driving too fast there. Also, there are vision problems if a large vehicle is parked at the corner.

Thurston agreed to set up the city speed box so that drivers can see how fast they are going.

Phil Mullins-Madison Milton Ferry-The emergency ferry service is being prepared for the bridge closure. The ferry will be able to accommodate an ambulance and a support vehicle. The ferry is for emergencies only. Info concerning the ferry can be seen at [www.miltonmadisonbridge.com](http://www.miltonmadisonbridge.com).

Mayor Welch announced that numbers have been received on the sound system. The quote will include speakers in the small overflow room. This will be presented at a future meeting.

### **Public Comments-None**

### **Council Comments-**

Lee asked about the Elks. City Attorney Jenner stated that he had spoken with Barr and her attorney. She would like to present a timeline and financial information to show the city that she has means to complete this project. They are exploring a third party to buy the building. Due to these two issues being worked on, a hearing date has not been set.

Lee asked about getting the ugly fencing down since we are approaching tourist season. Jenner said she has a plan mapped out and this could come rather quickly.

Backus thanked the public and the council for their thoughts, prayers and flowers during the death of his loved one.

Next meeting April 17, 2012 at 5:30pm.

Kellems made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lee. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

**APPROVED** \_\_\_\_\_  
**President Pro-Tempore Laura Hodges**

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**William J. Kalb, Clerk-Treasurer**